August 17, 2020

Dear Ellerhorst Families,

Welcome back to our returning families! To our Kindergarten and new families: Welcome to the Ellerhorst community! I wish I could meet you all on the first day of school, but look forward to meeting you all soon.

The Ellerhorst PTA is an integral part of our school. Not only do we host fun events like Walk-A-Thon, Science Night and assemblies but we fully fund educational programs that benefit all our students. Our Reflex Math, study trips, art programs, educational assemblies and so much more are paid 100% by the PTA.



We are able to provide these activities because of the support of our Ellerhorst families. This year we would like to continue to support our PTA funding programs, events though this school year has started out very differently.

Our Ellerhorst PTA Membership Drive is under way! I encourage you all to renew or start a new membership for one time donation of \$10 per family. Your membership gives you a voice at PTA meetings.

Becoming a PTA member does not mean you are expected to give your time at school – however, for our community to be strong, everyone's participation is essential. Many parents feel they cannot participate in the PTA because of your work schedule to attend meetings or cannot be on campus during the day. Please don't let that discourage you. Whether you have 30 minutes or a few hours, your time, your ideas, your talents and your voice are truly needed and appreciated. There are endless possibilities for mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts and uncles to contribute, and we can match your time constraints and abilities to needed tasks. Keep in mind that by volunteering at your school, you see your child interact with their friends, get to know classmates, teachers and other parents. I promise that the time and effort you give to your school and PTA will be well worth your while – and fun! We may not be at class on campus but we the PTA is still working to support our students and staff during this "un-normal" time.

If you have not signed up for our E-Tree which is our primary way of communication then please email <u>ellerhorstelmetree@gmail.com</u> with your email address and we will get you added to our list. Our First PTA Meeting Zoom Meeting is Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Thank you for your support! I wish you all a fulfilling and productive year ahead. Please contact me anytime about PTA events, activities or questions you may have.

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